

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild
Business Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2014

President Vicki David called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Vicki reminded members to turn off their cell phones and repeated her request that members try to carpool to meetings.

Introductions

Guests (and former members) Rita Ceschin and Noji Sahakian; and new members Diane Bare, owner of The Treasured Thread, and Mary Lou Woodruff were welcomed.

Treasurers Report

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Vicki David presented members with a request that expenditures approved by the Board, but not requiring membership approval be raised to \$350.00. Vicki also brought up the issue of purchasing Director's and Officer's Liability Insurance to cover the Board. Vicki noted that a complete explanation of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws was placed on each table for members' examination. A vote will be held at the next meeting. See attachment 1, which was read at the meeting.

Quilt Related Announcements

Vicki announced several quilt shows and noted that flyers would be in the basket in the hallway.

The Pointless Sisters will have an exhibition at the Occidental Center for the Arts entitled "Not Your Grandmother's Quilts."

Betty Upchurch announced that the Boutique will be open at the Healdsburg Senior Center Quilt Show on April 12th.

Lorna Fiori and Jim Jensen displayed "Fidget Aprons" that are made with sewn-on activities for the busy hands of dementia and traumatic brain injury patients. Jim will scan the pattern he has and post it on the Download section of our website.

East Bay Heritage Quilters show will take place on March 22nd and 23rd at the Craneway Pavilion in Richmond. EBHQ has discount admission tickets available at the table in the back corner of the room along with their two Opportunity Quilts.

Affiliate Presentation:

Marian Drain, SRQG member and Affiliate, and the owner of CuddleTime Quilts, gave a presentation on her quilting history and the services her business offers.

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Committee Reports

Block of the Month: Jim Jensen and Marlene Sullivan divided the 64 *Wild at Heart* blocks submitted into 2 drawings, won by Pam McVey and Linda Ziemer. Members who completed quilts or tops made from Friendship Blocks gave a brief Show and Tell. Participating were: Jim Jensen, Sharon Fry, Mary Nurmi, Diana Roberts, Barbara Cortelyou, Carolle LeMonnier, Liz Park, and Marlene Sullivan. Jim also displayed the March block, *Kids Kourthouse*, a log cabin style block made with children's fabrics.

Friendship Blocks: Phyllis Gallaway displayed numerous blocks for Jim Jensen and noted that Jim wants more blocks, so sign-ups are still open. Sharon Fry is also asking for more blocks with an extended deadline. Phyllis asked members who haven't turned in blocks to do so, and also asked members with over 20 credits to submit blocks.

Recycle Box eScrip: The box is at the back of the room for electronics, cell phones and printer cartridges.

Phyllis asked if members were interested in holding a craft fair, and if so, would anyone like to volunteer to be the organizer.

Phyllis also noted that the first meeting in 2015 falls on January 1st, and asked if members would still be interested in meeting.

Phyllis' Houston trip has 17 signed up and she has room for one more. This is the 40th anniversary of the Houston show.

Sew A Row: Debbie Bainbridge has the 2nd sign-up sheets for Sew A Rows on display if anyone is interested in signing up for a project that is already signed out. If members have questions, see Debbie.

Mystery Quilt 2014: Linda Hooper will be presenting the annual Mystery Quilt on June 5th, and noted that the quilt will be approximately 49" x 67". She hopes that cutting instructions will be online by the end of the week.

TSW: Gari Jones has a number of good TSW's lined up and asked Lorna Fiori to present the "Fidget Apron" later in the year.

Opportunity Quilt: Raychell Sumner reminded members that the winner of "Vintage Friendship Garden" quilt will be drawn on April 3. A poster of the quilt will be at the Tri-Guild Luncheon while the quilt will be at the Home and Garden Show. She has volunteers lined up for the Healdsburg show, but still needs a volunteer or volunteers to take over ticket sales after April 3rd.

Hospitality: Carolle LeMonnier begged for members to bring food to the speaker meeting on the 20th.

Challenge Quilt: Janice Rodgers and Diana Roberts discussed the 2014 Challenge. They suggested that the fish be assembled first on an applique pressing sheet so a background may

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be chosen after the fish is assembled. Patterns and templates for the Challenge are available and a donation of .50 is asked to cover printing costs. The projects are due on August 1st.

Community Quilts: Anne Dondero thanked the members who volunteered to wash flannel. She also reminded the members that she will be donating quilts to 18 year olds who are emancipating from the foster care system, and noted that 50" x 65" sized quilts are best.

Community Outreach: Mirna Estes displayed some hats and scarves that were turned in and noted that items for the homeless veterans need to be made in subdued colors to avoid theft.

Programs and Workshops: Genelle Voorhees and Joanie Bellinghausen outlined the Guild's procedure for signing up for a workshop as well as the cancellation policy. They thanked Rhonda Denny for her written essays, which have helped get members interested in workshops. Genelle and Joanie are sharing the essays with the speakers, who are thrilled. Seats in Melinda Bula's workshop are still available, and kits are available from Melinda at \$60.00. Anelie Belden will present Modern Dresden in April, and Jenny Lyon will present Fearless Free Motion in May. Genelle and Joanie asked members to search their bags, etc., at home as one of the class samples has disappeared.

Moonlight Quilters: Joanne Thomas told members that she was available to photograph quilts for the show and also that she has volunteer sign-up sheets. Volunteer opportunities are open for Thursday take-in, Friday set-up, and Saturday/Sunday working the show.

Jenine Giblin told members that Valley of the Moon Children's Home is collecting suitcases, and asked that all members who have spare suitcases to bring them to the April 3rd meeting.

Sunshine: Jan Westerman asked that members send her an email if they know of someone who needs a Sunshine card. She also advised new members that Membership Binders are back in stock at the Membership table.

Library: Sharon Fry gave a brief reminder about Silent Auction rules and invited all members to take unsold items and re-donate if there is a need. Sharon presented several new books and magazines as well as replacements for things that have gone missing. Finally, she showed one of Dotty Zagar's UFO's that she completed for Community Quilts.

UFO Challenge

Debby Bainbridge invited all members who wished to participate in the UFO Challenge to queue up and give information to her scribe before coming to the stage. The UFO Challenge projects are due on September 4.

Name Tag Drawing

129 members signed in today. Name tag drawing winners were Pat Fratis and Marian Drain.

Show And Tell

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Members brought tons of awesome Show and Tell quilts and a number of finished projects from Colleen Granger's January workshop.

Final Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Andrews
Recording Secretary

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Attachment to Meeting Minutes SRQG

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When the original few dedicated quilters founded our guild, they likely didn't imagine what it would be come. Today, we are an amazing 277 member organization (as of March 1, 2014), resulting in a number of significant changes in our makeup. The Board would like to streamline some of the more cumbersome matters and request the following two items to be considered for adoption into our governing documents.

Item 1

The Executive Board is recommending that the members approve the following amendment to the SRQG Bylaws, in the section listing Executive Board responsibilities: Article V. Section B. Executive Board: The Executive board shall consist of the Elected Officers, the Chair of each Standing Committee, and the immediate Past President. Article V. Section B, 5. Votes on all expenditures submitted for payment. (Expenditures exceeding ~~\$250.00~~ **\$350.00** each to be approved by the General Membership.)

Explanation

The last change was made several years ago, and the cost of relatively minor purchases has increased. This amendment increases the amount requiring General Membership approval from \$250.00 to \$350.00. This would allow the Board to act without the month-long delay of seeking Membership approval for relatively minor purchases outside of the established budget.

Bylaws amendment process, as contained in Article X of our Bylaws:

“Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a majority vote of the Active Membership present and voting. The proposed amendments must be announced at a preceding regular meeting. A written notice of proposed amendments shall be made available to the Active Membership at that time and a copy shall be filed with the Recording Secretary.”

Item 2

The Executive Board is recommending that he members approve the purchase of one year of Director's and Officer's Liability Insurance through State Farm for an amount not to exceed \$1800.00. In accordance with the existing Article V, Section B, 5, of the Bylaws, any expenditure exceeding \$250.00 must be approved by the General Membership.

Explanation:

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The current ~~Elective~~ (the correct word is Elected, not Elective, even though our Bylaws were incorrectly printed) Board has recently become aware that the SRQG general liability insurance policy does not protect Board Members, who may be named in lawsuits related to their positions on the Board. The Board consulted with an expert in the non-profit arena, Ms. Deb Schoenstein, who confirmed that the Board would do well to have this type of insurance. A committee researched cost and availability, and the unanimous recommendation for the Board is that the Membership approve purchase of this insurance.

The Treasurer confirms that there are sufficient funds in the SRQG Treasury to accommodate this request.